



Fountain Hills Community Services Department

FOUNTAIN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES MODIFIED SENIOR SOFTBALL RULES

Modified Senior softball rules will apply.

Rosters must be fully filled out and signed by all players and turned in at registration.

- ❖ All participants must have proof of age
- ❖ Teams with ineligible players will forfeit all games played
- ❖ Participants must be the minimum required age for his division in the **2016** calendar year

All batters start with an 0 and 0 count.

A **Pitching screen** is mandatory to help reduce injuries. The pitcher must pitch from behind it or to the side. If a hit ball touches any part of the screen it shall be considered a dead ball foul or strike, runners may not advance. If a batter hits the screen on their 3rd strike then they are out. A thrown ball that hits the screen is live, runners may advance.

A runner who touches or jumps over any portion of the regular home plate or pitching **mat** shall be declared an out.

All **bats** marked "1.20 bpf" or SSUSA Approved or have an ASA stamp are approved for use. Banned bats include the original grey Miken Ultra, the yellow Rip-It and a very small production run of Red ComBat's made in Canada a couple of years ago. The only other somewhat frequently encountered non-complying bat is the blue Boombah with a BPF marked 1.205, which does not meet the standard.

Batting line-ups are unlimited. Eleven defensive players are allowed in the 65+ division. Teams in the 65+ and can individually choose to play the eleventh man regardless of the number of players the opposing team is fielding. Free substitution is allowed on defense.

Unlimited homeruns in the recreation league. This isn't a tournament league so tournament rules don't apply to Wednesday leagues or homeruns.

Home team is the official scorekeeper.

A code of conduct will be in effect for all team managers to adhere and communicate to their players. Players will be issued verbal warnings, written reprimand, suspension and ejection of league to be determined by Recreation Coordinator.

Pinch runners are unlimited other than that they may only run once per inning.

More than one courtesy runner may be used in an inning; however, no player can be used as a courtesy runner more than once per inning (if a courtesy runner is used more than once in an inning, he shall be declared out automatically upon touching the base). A courtesy runner may not be replaced by another courtesy runner except for injury causing the permanent removal from the game of the original courtesy



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runner. If a courtesy runner is scheduled to be the next batter, the umpire shall declare that batter out (if less than two outs, the courtesy runner may remain on base; if it is the third out, the next batter in the lineup shall be the first batter in the next inning).